

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) Delivery assembly for use in surgery, comprising a surgically implantable construct containing viable cells, a support on which said construct is removably carried and holding means for releasably holding said construct on said support, wherein said support is selected from
  - (i) a tube having an interior surface on which said construct is held, and
  - (ii) a rod having an exterior surface on which said construct is held.
2. (Original) Delivery assembly according to claim 1, wherein said holding means is suction holding means comprising one or more apertures in said surface on which said construct is held.
3. (Original) Delivery assembly according to claim 1, wherein said holding means comprises one or more inflatable members inflatable to grip said construct.
4. (Currently Amended) Delivery assembly according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said surgically implantable construct is a tube.
5. (Currently Amended) Delivery assembly according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein said surgically implantable construct is of natural origin.

6. (Currently Amended) Delivery assembly according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~  
claim 1, wherein said surgically implantable construct is artificial.

7. (Currently Amended) Delivery assembly according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~  
claim 1, wherein said support is flexible and adapted to maintain a bent shape to which  
it is brought.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of surgery wherein a delivery assembly  
according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 is employed to bring said construct to its  
implantation site and hold it in position at said site.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein said delivery assembly is  
controlled in position by a computer-controlled robotic device.